

DIVINE SERVICE

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for the First Sunday in Advent
Ad Te Levavi (To You, I Lift Up)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.
C Amen.

HYMN: THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

LSB 331

The service continues with the SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY LSB 189

SERVICE OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:5–8

GRADUAL

Psalms 25:3–4

None who wait for you shall be | put to shame; *
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; *
teach me | your paths.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8–14

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalms 85:7

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation. *Alleluia.*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–9

HYMN OF THE DAY: SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

LSB 332

1–2 All; 3 Women; 4 Men; 5 Women; 6 Men; 7–8 All

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

LSB 334

DISTR HYMN: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

LSB 340

HYMN: THE NIGHT WILL SOON BE ENDING

LSB 337

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